

Creating an MLA Works Cited Page

A Works Cited page is a page that comes at the very end of your research paper listing all of the bibliographic information for the sources you referenced when compiling your research.

All sources that were used to help you write your research paper should be listed on your Works Cited Page---especially the sources where you took direct quotes from.

All information required on your Bib Cards are also required on your Works Cited Page—same order of information too!

All required punctuation from your Bib cards should be copied EXACTLY the same way on your Works Cited Page.

Another difference between your note cards and your bib cards:

- ❖ Your Works Cited page lists the sources in alphabetical order, using the first word of its entry (either the author's last name or the title, if an author's name wasn't available.)
- ❖ Remember that the titles of books that you underlined in your bib cards now need to be written in *Italics* when you type them in your Works Cited Page.

Study the samples (models) provided for you and type up your bib cards EXACTLY as they were required to be done in a new page, following the last page of your research paper.

If you feel up to it, use www.easybib.com to help you.

Basic Rules:

- ❖ Begin your Works Cited page on a separate page at the end of your research paper. It should have the same one-inch margins and last name, page number header as the rest of your paper.
- ❖ Label the page "Works Cited" (do not italicize the words or put them in quotation marks) and center the words Works Cited at the top of the page.
- ❖ Double space your entry works cited page.
- ❖ Indent the second and subsequent lines of citations five spaces (one "tab" key) so that you create a hanging indent.
- ❖ List page numbers of sources efficiently, when needed. If you refer to an article that appeared on pages 225 through 250, list the page numbers on your Works Cited page as 225-50.
- ❖ Copy ALL information that appears on your bib cards. If you completed your bib cards correctly, you should be able to just copy it as-is. If you're not sure, or if you're not confident in how to properly format the Works Cited page, then use www.easybib.com

Capitalization and Punctuation:

- ❖ Capitalize each word in the titles of articles, books, etc., but do not capitalize articles (the, an), prepositions, or conjunctions unless one is the first word of the title or subtitle. Example: *Gone with the Wind*, *The Art of War*, *There Is Nothing Left to Lose*.
- ❖ New to MLA 2009: Use italics (instead of underlining) for titles of larger works (books, magazines) and quotation marks for titles of shorter works (poems, articles)